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to do it and so I have still have those bills on the counter for public hearing on February 21st and I have no recourse except to hold the hearings then. There are some other bills which are going to be introduced by this committee, by my committee, and I will at the time that I introduce them except for the matter of the public hearing I am going to hold that hearing at any time at 4:00 in the afternoon or later if necessary, but I think those bills are of significant importance that they require introduction and I respectfully ask that the Legislature allow them to be heard.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Duis and then Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I'd like to make an announcement that the Rules Committee of the Legislature will meet in the Executive Session at 1:30 Monday in Room 3102, and with an invitation to Senator Syas to participate in the meeting and also the Clerk of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I have a motion on the desk pertaining to this very thing that Senator Schmit outlines and I'm the introducer of the bill that he's holding, I'm also introducer of a bill in the Public Works Committee. But I only this morning placed a motion up there and I would like to have unanimous consent to withdraw the hearing date on this particular bill and set it for the 20th. Because of the same problem that we're encountering in Senator Schmit's Committee that the people who want to come in and appear on this bill have a convention scheduled somewhere and we were not able to get these people in at this time. It will severely limit a fair hearing on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Very good, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I just want to say one thing about this business of Senator Schmit's on the public hearing. We a.. early in the session, Senator Proud, Speaker of this Legislature said our goal was to get the public hearings over in the middle of February. And he's giving you a target date when they should be. I think it's very unusual, very unusual that because some group is having a convention that you don't have a public hearing to honor them. We have work to do down here and I don't see where we can make special privileges on certain groups to set hearings. And that's all I've got to say about this thing, but I don't think that we should start into this type of thing of giving special groups special privileges. Certainly, we sure do it on special interests, down here all through this Legislature, but I think this is going a step further than normally.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach do you want to be recognized?

SENATOR BURBACH: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I have a problem here just as Senator Schmit indicated. I have in Revenue we were going to be finished by the 18th. But because a bill was reset because people could not be here then and because another bill was referred to us just recently so we have them set through the 19th. And I think we must continue with that because we have a work load prior to that time.